

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 622

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Fred Dyer Wade, Sr., of Martin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Fred Dyer Wade, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade, a native of Earl, Arkansas, was born on August 15, 1922, to the late Robert Lee Wade, Sr., and the late Venda C. Dyer Wade; and

WHEREAS, Fred Wade served with acumen and alacrity as founder and owner of Wade Furniture Company, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, the Wade Furniture Company is an institution of Martin, a family business which has provided for all of a homeowner's needs for more than seventy years; currently owned and operated by Mr. Wade's nephews, Rusty and Randy, the furniture store was voted as the Best Furniture Store in the Reader's Choice Awards held by the *Weakley County Press* in 2006; and

WHEREAS, a member of our country's greatest generation, he served with valor and honor during World War II as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, wholly dedicated to his community, Fred Wade dedicated his time and energies to several civic organizations and public offices, standing as a member and first Chairman of the original board of directors of Volunteer General Hospital and rendering sterling service as an alderman of the City of Martin; and

WHEREAS, Fred Wade, Sr., was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Smith Wade; his son, Fred Dyer Wade, Jr.; and siblings Hubert Wade, Robert Lee Wade, Jr., and Frances Berry; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his daughter-in-law, Linda Wade; his brother, Nathan Wade; his grandchildren, Beth Wade Roberts and Randy Forrester; and his great-grandchildren, Addie Elizabeth Roberts, Rhiannon Forrester, Peyton Forrester, and Haley Forrester; and

WHEREAS, Fred Wade leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Fred Dyer Wade, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Wade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.